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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR HILL AND MAILLIARD CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CARLOS RAUL DESMARAS ON JAN 13.

2. AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, DESMARAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO REPLACE RAUL QUIJANO, THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS, AND WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY.

3. THE TRA WAS DISCUSSED ONLY BRIEFLY. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PRESS ARTICLES ON THE TRA HAD THUS FAR ONLY DISCUSSED NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF OPEC MEMBER EXCLUSION FROM THE GSP, AND FAILED TO BRING OUT ANY OF THE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES THAT MAY RESULT FOR LATIN AMERICA. DESMARAS INDICATED THE ECUADOREAN REFUSAL TO ATTEND THE MFM WAS A CONCERN, BUT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE MFM ITSELF IS IN DANGER OF BEING CANCELLED.

4. FOLLOWING THE ABOVE COURTESY CALL, ACTING FONMIN ANTONIO BENITEZ HOSTED A LUNCH FOR AMB MAILLIARD AND PARTY AT LA CABANA RESTAURANT.
HILL

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